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Corporation Plotting Energy Strategy

Excerpted from a report By Dr. Jon M. Veigel, executive director of the North Carolina Alternative Energy Corporation, a non-profit, quasi-public organization that's examining ways in which the state can tap cost-effective alternative energy systems.

In only a little over a year and a half of full operation, the North Carolina Alternative Energy Corporation has already begun to make worthwhile contributions to our state's energy picture.

The AEC is helping local governments get better use from each tax dollar spent on energy, is saving tobacco farmers money during leaf curing, and is weatherizing the homes of up to 2,000 senior citizens around the state.

Meanwhile, the organization is working with the schools and community colleges and with the cities and counties of North Carolina to show how increasing efficiency of energy use is a highly effective way to reduce the impact of energy costs on budgets.

The state's schools and colleges spend over $45 million a year on electricity alone. A minimum of 20%, or $9 million, can be saved *annually* statewide by careful attention to sensible management.

Through this program, the AEC has trained principals, college presidents, board members, and county commissioners representing over half the schools and colleges in the state; has sent technicians directly to participating schools to work out details of reducing energy use and saving money; and has provided information on financing energy improvements.

The early evidence of savings is extremely gratifying—Harnett Central High School saved over $4,000 in the last half-year alone as they began to implement their load management program.

Local governments are themselves major consumers of electricity—and the AEC has just begun a project that offers a number of communities a no-risk quarantee of positive energy results. The corporation will agree to help train local government energy officers, give detailed technical assistance, and guarantee that the savings resulting from implementing recommended energy measures will at least equal two years' salary for the local energy officer.

This kind of innovative project is needed to move from talking about energy to actually producing the results we need to provide the state with a reliable energy system.

The AEC has also begun to assist the municipal utilities and electric cooperatives that are such vital parts of life in many cities of this state as well as much of rural North Carolina. An AEC project is helping them determine how they can best reduce their demands for electricity at those times when electricity is most expensive to produce.

In addition, the AEC has also helped identify ways to finance the equipment that will best make this possible because, as is so often true in energy, money must be invested up front in order to make long-term savings possible.

In a joint effort with the Greenville Utility Commission, the AEC is exploring ways in which the demand for energy by tobacco curing barns can be reduced without any impact on leaf quality. The potential energy savings are significant. If the state's 41,000 barns were on this kind of program, over 123,000 kilowatts of new power plant capacity would *not* have to be built.

The AEC is actively pursuing good energy ideas in order to make sure we have enough electric energy to provide for satisfying, productive lives.

An energy strategy for the state, based on the prudent use of all economically attractive resources that are environmentally responsible, will help ensure that North Carolina has a stable and growing economic future.

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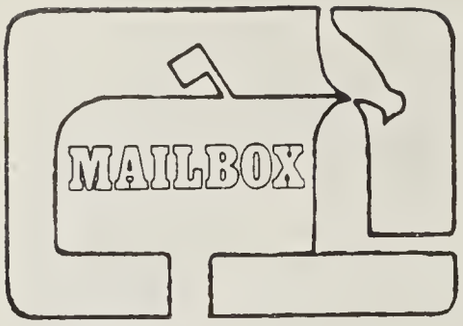

Wildlife Belongs "To All Of Us"

The following is in response to a letter in your January issue by Mr. C. D. Mullinix of Waynesville. In his letter, Mr. Mullinix bad-mouths hunters in general, and states in closing that the majority of people want their wildlife alive. Good, but what are they doing about it?

I don't know that much about hunting and trapping in general. However, I do know something about deer hunters and deer, which I would like to share with you.

Hunters, through their fees and hard work, have saved the white-tailed deer in North Carolina. At the turn of the century, there were very few deer. I remember the rarity of seeing one in the 1950s, especially in the Piedmont area. Today, there are 300,000 deer estimated to be in our state, many times the amount at any other time in history. They are currently in every county and in many areas they have passed or are at the carrying capacity of the environment, due to their capability to reproduce and the modern day lack of natural predators.

While armchair dreamers may well fantasize over the "Bambi" type animals, nature itself is very real and very cruel. Deer are most prolific. If the herd is not kept at a level below capacity, they become sickly and can either slowly starve to death, live a stunted life, or even be afflicted by a disease which often wipes out scores of deer in a slow suffering manner. Sometimes this happens to the majority of the herd, as evidenced by the recent die-off in the Florida Everglades.

Hunters and wildlife management people are thus placing their efforts and their money into active support of the animals we all love and respect. Yes, I said love, because hunters—those I know—are not just hunting to kill. The kill is simply the anti-climactic end of the stalk. Here, man is pitted against our cleverest game animal on his own turf, in an exercise that the deer usually wins. This most hunted game animal now numbers 12,000,000 in the U.S. This is by far the largest deer population of all times. Something must be going very well indeed for the white-tailed deer, Mr. Mullinix.

In effect, the hunter has become the predator and thus provides for balance and conservation. And what about the deer we kill? The deer my son and I got this year have gone to delicious steaks, barbecue, soups and chili, helping contribute in a period of economic hardship to the family food stocks.

Yet the abstract outweighs even the highest practical reward. The time my son and I, and my friends and I spent in the sport are the finest quality hours of companionship and understanding. If there is a more satisfying way to spend one's leisure, I haven't found it. Hunting is an American heritage, as are tolerance and freedom. You shouldn't be condemned for reflecting in an armchair, nor should we be condemned for spending an active fall in the woods.

You are correct, Mr. Mullinix, that wildlife belongs to all of us. Thanks to the hunters and our dedicated game management professionals from both government and private industry, there should be deer for all of us to enjoy for a long, long time to come.

John R. Smerznak
Thomasville

Trapping: It's "Cruel, Disgusting"

In your January issue you printed an article written by C. C. Mullinix concerning wildlife. I agree entirely with this article. Trapping is an extremely cruel and disgusting way for anyone to enjoy himself. How can you be a lover of wildlife when you enjoy destroying it?

My husband is a fox hunter. He loves to hear dogs run, but does not hunt for any kind of animal to shoot or destroy it. I think we need stricter laws concerning trappers and careless hunters.

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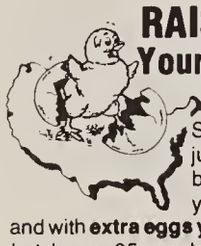

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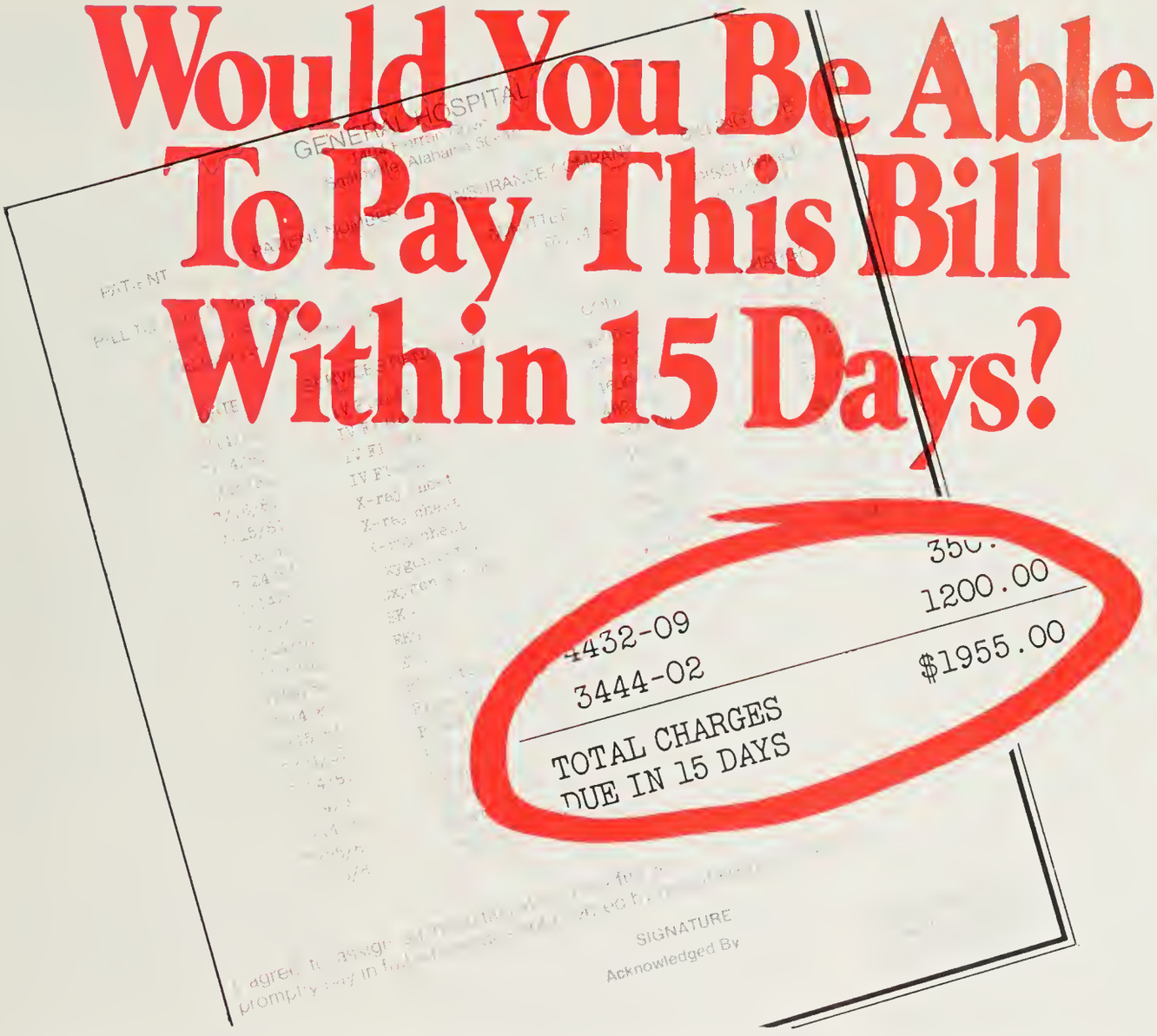

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EMC Safety Programs Get Accreditations

Seven North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations have been awarded reaccrediation for their employee safety programs.

The EMCs received reaccreditation certificates during the 1983 Annual Meeting of the statewide EMC organization. They are awarded by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association headquartered in Washington.

For additional coverage of the Annual Meeting of the statewide EMC organization, see Pages 8-11.

Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, received its sixth accreditation, marking 18 years of meeting national standards in its safety program.

Three other EMCs received their third accreditations: Tideland, Pantego; Roanoke, Rich Square and Jones-Onslow, Jacksonville.

Haywood EMC, Waynesboro, received its fourth accreditation.

Halifax EMC, Enfield and Surry-Yadkin EMC, Dobson, received their second accreditations.

Marine Science Seminar Scheduled For April

A weekend seminar at Morehead City has been scheduled for April 22-23 by the UNC-Chapel Hill General Alumni Association and the Institute of Marine Sciences to explore underwater photography and the productivity of seaweeds.

Also part of the program will be a cruise on The Hatteras, the $3.5 million research vessel jointly operated by Duke University and the UNC oceanographic consortium.

The program, beginning Friday at 6 p.m. and continuing through 4 p.m. on Saturday, carries a tuition of $55 for members of the alumni association and $60 for non-members.

For more information, write or call Linda Carl, program director, General Alumni Association, P.O. Box 660, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514. Phone: (919) 962-1208.

Former REA Employee Joins N.C.AEC Staff

An information specialist who spent the past 10 years with the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington had joined the staff of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives. (N.C. AEC)

Lorrie Constantinos will serve the statewide EMC organization as Director of Member Services, overseeing women's programs, youth activities and other projects designed to assist local co-ops with member and public relations.

At REA, Mrs. Constantinos wrote news and feature stories for various media and served as a coordinator of youth and women's programs.

Earlier in her career, she was associate editor of a monthly employee publication that was circulated to 32,000 employees of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

She also operated her own consulting firm offering seminars for women in public speaking, business dress and stress management.

At N.C.AEC, Mrs. Constantinos will be taking over many of the duties previously handled by Patty Wheeler, who resigned last year to become owner and publisher of *The Skyland Post* in West Jefferson.

New Publications Offered By Cultural Resources Dept.

New books published by the Historical Publications Section of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources offer a perspective on the Great Depression in the Tar Heel state and a historical profile of Rockingham County.

The books are *Hard Times: Beginnings of the Great Depression in North Carolina, 1929-1933* by John L. Bell Jr. of Western Carolina University and *Rockingham County: A Brief History* by Dr. Lindley S. Butler.

The Bell book outlines the effects of the early depression years on several areas of life in North Carolina, including agriculture, industry, education and the black community.

The 87-page illustrated, paperback volume is a companion to *North Carolina and the New Deal*, which was published by the state agency last year. It is available for $3 plus $1 postage and handling.

Dr. Butler's book depicts the development of Rockingham County from the colonial period to the 20th century.

It is available for $2 plus $1 postage and handling.

Both books may be ordered from Historical Publications Section, Department of Cultural Resources, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

EMC Gets Loan For Expansion

Surry-Yadkin Electric Membership Corporation, Dobson, has been awarded a $1.6 million loan from the Rural Electrification Administration to finance an expansion project.

The project includes service for 1,100 additional consumers, 81 miles of distribution line and various system improvements.

The EMC will obtain

Cover Photo By Jon Zachary

Bright and beautiful blossoms have become a symbol of North Carolina's springtime season. These flowers were discovered in the Cary area by Jon Zachary of Raleigh, a professional photographer.

supplemental financing for 30 percent of the project from the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

When the project is completed, the co-op will be serving 18,933 consumer-members over 2,721 miles of line in portions of Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes, Stokes and Forsyth counties.

Elizabeth City Sets Riverspree

Showboat performances, a river race, a crafts fair, a pig picking and a fireworks display will all be part of the 1983 Riverspree in Elizabeth City during the weekend of May 21.

Local musicians and entertainers will perform the showboat tunes of the 1920s in the facade replica of the old James Adams Floating Theater.

The "Anything That'll Float But a Boat Race" will bring out sailing novices in tubs, tanks, tents and other floating apparatus.

For more information about the festivities, write or call Mary Livengood at P.O. Box 426, Elizabeth City, N.C. 27909. Phone: (919) 335-4365.

9 EMC Directors Are Re-Elected

Nine incumbent directors have been re-elected to the boards of three North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations during recent co-op annual meetings:

- **Edgecombe-Martin County,** Tarboro—Re-elected were John R. Grimes of Rt. 2, Battleboro; C. W. Mayo of Rt. 1, Tarboro and Marshall D. Wilson of Rt. 1, Robersonville.
- **Wake,** Wake Forest—Re-elected were Robert Joe Eddins of Rt. 3, Zebulon; Clanton Earl Smith of Rt. 5, Oxford and John M. Ferrell of Rt. 5, Durham.
- **Jones-Onslow,** Jacksonville—Re-elected were Douglas Parker of Rt. 3, Hubert; Marvin Manning of Rt. 3, Richlands and Clifton Taylor of Rt. 5, Kinston.

Ft. Bragg Open House To Feature Air Show

An air show featuring the renowned "Golden Knights" skydiving team will be one of the highlights of an open house that's scheduled for April 23 at Pope Air Force Base and Fort Bragg.

The fourth annual open house will also feature exhibits of the Military Airlift Command's C-130 "hercules" aircraft and the Army's new "Blackhawk" helicopter.

Exhibits, displays and demonstrations by Army and Air Force personnel will emphasize joint mission capabilities.

Wood, Coal Stoves Get Safety Labels

Wood and coal-burning stoves, becoming increasingly popular home heaters, will carry safety labels from now on as a result of a ruling by the Consumer Products Safety Commission.

The four-member commission expressed dissatisfaction with the progress of a two-year-old voluntary program for the industry to put safety labels on the stoves.

The stoves are blamed for about 130,000 house fires in 1981, resulting in 290 deaths, the commission said. The fires often resulted from improper installation, operation or maintenance of the stoves.

The mandatory labels will include instructions on installation, maintenance and use.

Third Porkfest Slated For May 7

Pork producers in Northeastern North Carolina are planning an old-fashioned "pig out" May 7 in Elizabeth City, featuring three hours of "all you can eat" pork products.

The third annual Porkfest will be held at the Jaycee Fairgrounds from 4 to 7 p.m.

The menu will include ham, chitterlings, spare ribs, barbecue, sausage and other pork products.

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Hollings: Financing For Co-ops Needs Top Priority

South Carolina Sen. Ernest F. (Fritz) Hollings, who is expected to seek the 1984 Democratic presidential nomination, addresses the legislative banquet at the 1983 Annual Meeting of the North Carolina statewide EMC organization.

Congress will move "full spead ahead" to maintain current financing arrangements for the nation's rural electric cooperatives, Sen. Ernest F. (Fritz) Hollings declared, as he addressed the 1983 Annual Meeting of the statewide EMC organization.

He said he and many others on both sides of the aisle in Congress recognize that the rural electric program has been and continues to be vital to the country's economic well-being.

Funding for the program must be maintained "because we know the long-range investment, the payoff in human infrastructure means so much to our people."

The South Carolina Democrat, who is on the verge of entering the race for the 1984 Democratic presidential nomination, made his remarks at the Annual Meeting's legislative banquet. About 700 rural electric leaders, state legislators and state officials attended the event.

The senator said keeping the REA program intact is just a part of what's needed to help the country regain its economic strength and industrial productivity, which he described as "the real problem in America."

The U.S. just isn't producing like other countries, and unless something is done to improve that, the nation is "going to hell in an economic handbasket."

"Gun control, abortion, Social Security, a nuclear arms freeze, prayer in the schools—all of these pale in significance to the economic survival of this country in international competition," Hollings added.

National "sacrifice" is needed, he said, calling for a freeze on all federal spending and elimination of the upcoming 10 percent federal tax cut.

Other speakers who addressed the three-day meeting included Allen Paul, a former North Carolina grain and livestock farmer who is now president and chief executive officer of the Agriculture Council of America; Clifford M. Ouse, a government relations specialist with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; James C. Webster, an agricultural communications consultant based in Washington; Martin G. Seipel, an area director for the Rural Electrification Administration; Raymond L. Copeland, a consultant who works with the Clinch River Breeder Reactor program and Michael B. Rosenzweig, a technical advisor to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Also among the speakers were Margaret C. Riddle of the N.C. Department of Administration's Office of Policy and Planning and State Senator Robert Jordan of Mt. Gilead.

Moore Re-elected To National Post

Horace Moore, a director of Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Corporation, Farmville, has been elected to his seventh term as North Carolina's representative on the board of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

The national group, which is headquartered in Washington, represents about 1,000 electric co-ops across the country.

Moore, who has been on the Pitt and Greene EMC board since 1968, is a past president of the statewide EMC organization.

During the past year, he served as president of Tarheel Electric Membership Association, the central purchasing and materials supply arm of that organization.

Morton

Batts

Horton

EMC Materials Supply Group Elects Morton

The manager of Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation, Morehead City, has been elected president of the board of the statewide EMC organization's central purchasing and materials supply operation.

B.F. Morton was elected to serve a one-year term as president of the nine-member board of Tarheel Electric Membership Association. (TEMA) He had served as vice-president for the past year.

In addition, Morton was also elected to a new three-year term as a member of the TEMA board.

A veteran of more than 30 years in the rural electric program, he has been manager at Carteret-Craven EMC since 1973.

Also elected TEMA officers were Hugh Batts of Rt. 1, Hampstead, a director of Jones-Onslow EMC, Jacksonville, vice-president and Jimmy R. Horton of Rt. 2, Cleveland, president of the board of Crescent EMC, Statesville, secretary-treasurer.

Batts, who had served for the past year as the TEMA secretary-treasurer, has been on the Jones-Onslow EMC board since 1967.

Horton, who has been a director at Crescent EMC since 1966, was also elected to a three-year term on the TEMA board.

Meanwhile, Richard Johnson of Rt. 4, Wadesboro, a director of Pee Dee EMC, Wadesboro, was also elected to a three-year term on the TEMA board. He has been a director at Pee Dee since 1972.

Austin Heads N.C.AEC Slate

Two directors and a manager from three Electric Membership Corporations across the state have been elected to top leadership posts within the North Carolina statewide organization of EMCs.

John R. Austin of Rt. 4, Boone, a director of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, was elected president of the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives (N.C. AEC).

Austin, who has been on the Blue Ridge EMC board of directors since 1970, has served as president of that board and is currently serving as vice-president.

He has been one of the co-op's representatives on the board of the state association for several years, and served as vice-president of N.C. AEC during the past year.

Also elected N.C. AEC officers were Earl F. Shoaf, manager of Wake EMC, Wake Forest, vice-president; and Hassel B. Gann of Rt. 1, Mayodan, a director of Davidson EMC, Lexington, secretary-treasurer.

Shoaf, who had served as secretary-treasurer of the association during the past year, is a former manager of the statewide organization's central purchasing and materials supply operation.

Earlier, he was on the staff of Crescent EMC, Statesville. He has been manager of Wake EMC for the past three years.

Gann, who has been on the Davidson EMC board since 1975, is currently serving as vice-president of that board. He has represented the EMC on the N.C. AEC board for a number of years.

Austin

Shoaf

Gann

Marshall Takes N.C.EMC Reins

The managers of Electric Membership Corporation based in Dunn, Monroe and Lenoir have been elected officers of the North Carolina statewide EMC organization's power supply branch.

They are Marvin O. Marshall, manager of South River EMC, Dunn, president; Philip Wally, manager of Union EMC, Monroe, vice-president and Wayne D. Keller, manager of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, secretary-treasurer.

The three will serve one-year terms as officers of N.C. EMC, a generating and transmission cooperative serving 27 of the state's rural electric distribution co-ops.

Marshall, a former president of another branch of the organization—the N.C. Association of Electric Co-ops—has been manager of South River EMC since 1968. He had served for the past year as vice-president of N.C. EMC.

Wally, who has been manager of Union EMC since 1978, is a former district manager at Crescent EMC, Statesville. He had served for the past year as N.C. EMC's secretary-treasurer.

Keller, a veteran of 20 years as an employe at Blue Ridge EMC, has been manager of the co-op since 1980.

Marshall

Wally

Keller

Women's Group Elects Two From Pitt

Two Pitt County women have been elected to top leadership posts with the Women's Committee of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Jane Patterson of Farmville, a member of the Women's Committee of Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Corporation, Farmville was elected chairwoman.

Linda Whitehurst of Rt. 5, Greenville, a member of the Women's Committee of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro, has been elected vice-chairwoman.

Anne Williamson of Rt. 1, Whiteville, a member of the Women's Committee of Brunswick EMC, Shallotte, was elected to the board of the National Rural Electric Women's Association.

The elections came during the 1983 Annual Meeting of the statewide EMC organization.

Mrs. Patterson, whose husband J. D. Patterson is manager of Pitt and Greene EMC, had served for the past year as vice-chairwoman of the group.

Mrs. Williamson had served for the past year as president of the statewide EMC Women's Committee.

The EMC women's organization is composed of representatives of the state's 11 EMC women's committees, which serve as a liaison between the co-ops and their consumer-members in the areas of education and public relations.

The national women's group provides a communications link between rural electric women and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and assists the Washington-based organization in planning programs affecting rural women.

Patterson

Whitehurst

Williamson

Jeanne Swanner Robertson of Burlington, a former Miss North Carolina who is now a professional speaker, sang and strummed a ukulele during a luncheon appearance at the 1983 Annual Meeting of the statewide EMC organization.

Lexington Senior Gets Scholarship

A Davidson County girl has been named to receive the 1983 Rural Electric Youth Tour Scholarship Award from the Women's Committee of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives.

She is Lisa Marie Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fabyjanski of Lexington.

She represented Davidson Electric Membership Corporation, Lexington, on the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington last summer.

The $1,000 scholarship is awarded to a high school student selected from among the participants in the previous year's tour.

The recipient is chosen on the basis of financial need, scholastic achievement and extra-curricular activities in school and the community.

Miss Thompson, a Lexington High School senior, plans to enroll at UNC—Charlotte next fall to study nursing.

Batten Re-elected To REAP Post

The manager of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, Shallotte, has been elected to a third term as chairman of the North Carolina rural electric program's political action organization.

David J. Batten will head the slate of officers for the Rural Electric Action Program, which is composed of employees and directors of the state's EMCs.

Also re-elected were Ann Curren, manager of office services at Wake EMC, Wake Forest, vice-chairman.

Norman (Pete) Parker, director of consumer accounting at Halifax EMC, Enfield, was re-elected secretary and James Lee Burney, manager of public affairs for the statewide EMC organization, was re-elected treasurer.

Batten

Curren

Parker

Burney

EMC Officials Recognized For Service

A total of 20 directors and 10 managers from Electric Membership Corporations across North Carolina have been honored for their years of service to the rural electric program.

They received plaques during a ceremony at the 1983 Annual Meeting of the statewide EMC organization.

Three of the managers were recognized for 35 years of service: Reid Harris, Central EMC, Sanford; Donald Rice, Crescent EMC, Statesville and Kelly Hutchins, Surry-Yadkin EMC, Dobson.

Receiving 20-year awards were Wayne Keller, Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir; Clifton Austin, Cape Hatteras EMC, Buxton; Bob McDuffie, Randolph EMC, Asheboro; Marvin Marshall, South River EMC, Dunn and Philip Wally, Union EMC, Monroe.

Cited for 15 years of service were John Browning, manager of Haywood EMC, Waynesville and Edward E. Brown Jr., who recently resigned as manager of Albemarle EMC, Hertford.

Directors who received the "meritorious service" certificates, listed by EMCs, were:

Blue Ridge, Lenoir—John Woodruff of Sparta and Bill E. Brown of Rt. 1, Boone, both 15 years.

Carteret-Craven, Morehead City—Clarence Mills of Rt. 2, Newport, 35 years and W. Elijah Guthrie of Rt. 2, Newport, 15 years.

Crescent, Statesville—Directors Emeriti Thomas N. Crawford of Rt. 4, Statesville, 40 years and E. R. Crater of Rt. 2, Yadkinville, 35 years.

Davidson, Lexington—Eston Stokes of Rt. 1, Linwood, 30 years.

Four County, Burgaw—J. J. Malpass of Rt. 2, Burgaw, 45 years.

Jones-Onslow, Jacksonville—Hugh L. Batts of Rt. 1, Hampstead and Clifton Taylor of Rt. 5, Kinston, both 15 years.

Lumbee River, Red Springs—Elias Rogers of Rt. 1, Red Springs, 15 years.

Piedmont, Hillsborough—H. T. Gillis of Rt. 2, Roxboro, 35 years and Alvin Hawkins of Rt. 1, Hurdle Mills, 15 years.

Roanoke, Rich Square—Henry A. Bennett of Rt. 1, Rich Square, 20 years.

Rutherford, Forest City—Oliver Taylor of Rt. 1, Mill Spring, 35 years and Paul Dalton of Rt. 1, Lake Lure and J. T. Wyant of Rt. 1, Vale, both 15 years.

South River, Dunn—Ralph Johnson of Rt. 1, Roseboro, 25 years.

Tideland, Pantego—George Wilkes of Ocracoke, 15 years.

Tri-County, Dudley—Leslie J. Bell of Rt. 2, Mt. Olive, 20 years.

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Farmers and gardeners can keep up with the warming trend of North Carolina soils this spring.

The North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service is offering a weekly report on soil temperatures through its statewide, toll-free telephone answering system called Extension Teletip.

A person can hear the soil temperature report by calling 1-800-662-7301 and asking the operator for message 5009.

Each report gives the average reading for the previous week from five representative sites in the Coastal Plain, four in the Piedmont, two in the Mountains, and one in the Sandhills.

Greg Johnson, extension meteorologist at North Carolina State University, said soil temperatures are an important guide in deciding when to plant various crops.

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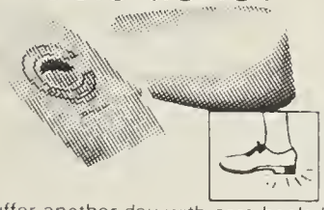

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May			
7	Halifax, Enfield	Registration: 12:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 2:00 p.m.	Southeast Halifax, High School
18	South River, Dunn	Registration: 6:00 p.m. Entertainment: 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Cumberland Memorial Auditorium, Fayetteville
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We set deadfall traps for birds and other small game as we went up the mountain in the morning, and collected our catch when we returned in the afternoon. We often made a game of climbing to the highest knoll and shouting threats to hear our echo answer back. Yet, with all this piddling on the way, I do not recall ever being late for school; perhaps we started at daybreak.

The room fairly quaked as the brogan-clad feet of children from 7 to 17 years old moved across the puncheon floor. We seated ourselves on the backless benches of split logs, and a quiet reverence settled as the Lord's Prayer began.

School on the mountain began in the summertime and closed before the hard, cold winter began. But on very cool mornings the big boys soon had a roaring fire going in the old pot-bellied stove. They also sat near the door to keep fresh water in the large wooden water-bucket.

To save wear on the books, children used "thumb-papers" under their thumbs while reading. These were usually pictures of apples, peaches, cabbages, etc., cut from seed catalogues. We prized pretty thumb-papers, swapping and trading them as children of today trade football and television stars' pictures. We read our lessons over and over in whispers until the teacher called on us to read aloud.

My big boy cousin from the other side of the mountain was a bit of a show off.

One morning the teacher called on him to come to the front and read his lesson aloud. He got up and read his lesson very well, but he did not stop there; he read an ugly rhyme he had copied from a joke book. Of course the rest of us were almost falling out of our seats giggling. But the teacher snatched the rhyme out of his hand, tore it to bits, and made my cousin stand in the corner, face to the wall. We quickly buried our own faces in our books.

At noontime we spread our lunches picnic-style on a big flat rock. They consisted of whatever vegetables and fruits were in season, or food conserved from the season before. We also had buttermilk, clabber milk or sweet milk. All of us cousins from my side of the mountain looked forward to spreading our lunches with Aunt Mag's children from the other side.

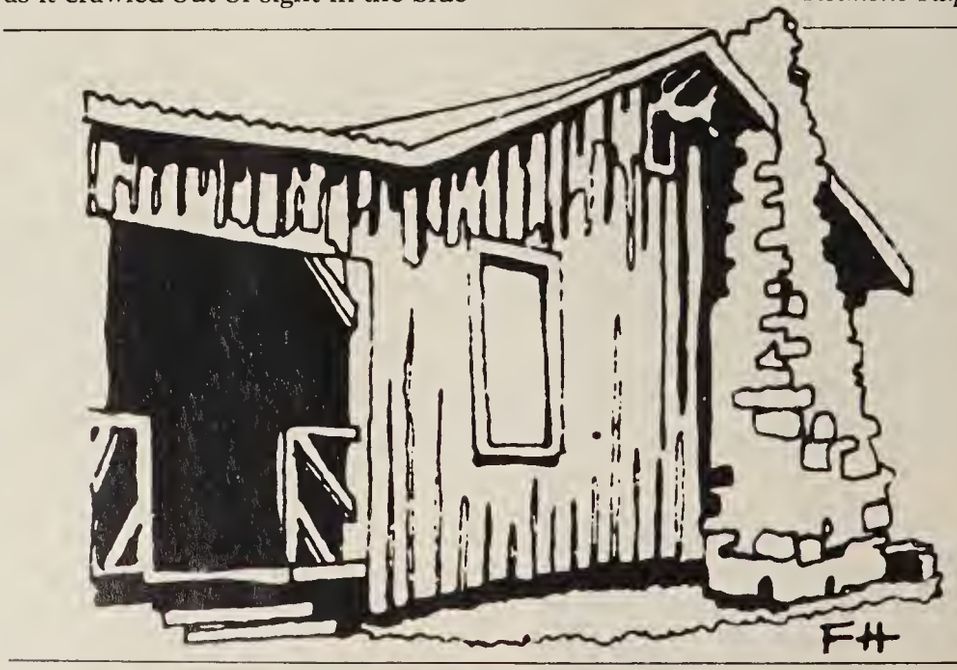
After lunch we played games, such as Tap-Hand, Tug-of-War, Blind Man's Bluff, and ball games. Some children made seesaws by placing a rail across the fence. Some ran to the clearing at the top of the knob to watch the railway train; in the distance it looked like a little mouse as it crawled out of sight in the blue-gray mist.

The game little girls my age liked best was "Here we go 'round the Mulberry Bush." The older girls enjoyed playing "Tap-Hand," when they could tap a boy's hand and walk with him around the ring, and away if they chose to do so.

Some of the older ones who were sweethearts walked hand-in-hand to a cool spring of water nearby. There they drank toasts to each other from a big gourd dipper. A romantic fellow would look into his girlfriend's eyes and say, "Here's to one, and only one, and may that one be she, who loves but one and only one, and may that one be me." The unromantic jokers drank to each other with this one: "Here's to you as good as you are; and to me as bad as I am. As good as you are, and as bad as I am, I'm as good as you are as bad as I am."

When recess was over the schoolmaster stood on the rock door stoop, cupped his hands over his mouth to carry his voice, and shouted, "Books!" As soon as everyone was seated, our whispered lessons resumed and continued throughout the day.

—Selena W. Sanders
Roanoke Rapids



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Railroad Lines In Rural Areas May Be Set For Abandonment

North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham has called for swift action by federal, state and local government officials to prevent abandonment of over 250 miles of branch line railroad system tracks across the state.

These smaller lines run from mainline railroads, and are located in rural areas.

These branch lines have been moved into a Category 1 classification for rail lines, which is the last step before a rail system files a notice of intention to abandon, or a statement of abandonment, as they are commonly known.

"If the present trend continues, every branch line railroad could eventually be abandoned by large rail systems, seriously hurting the economic viability of rural communities who use the lines to transport crops, pulpwood, building materials, fertilizers and the like out of and into their areas since there would be no rail transportation to move materials in and out of the area," Graham said.

Should these branch lines be abandoned by their rail system, the only mode of transportation of goods in and out of these areas would be by truck, which would increase the cost of inputs needed for agriculture and industry and elevate the cost of the good produced.

In turn, it would cost more to transport goods produced out of the area, raising marketing costs and lowering returns.

The rail branch lines subject to abandonment are as follows:

- Marion to West Shelby, 51 miles of track, owned by Norfolk-Southern Corporation.
- Wilmington to New Bern, 89.17 miles of track, owned by CSX Corporation, commonly known as Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.
- Henderson to Creedmoor, 24 miles of track, owned by Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.
- Fairmont Branch Line, 11 miles of track, owned by Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.
- Lumberton to St. Pauls to Duart, 23 miles of track, owned by Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.
- Pittsboro to Moncure, 11 miles, owned by Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.
- Halifax to Scotland Neck, 19 miles of track, owned by Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.
- Norlina to Roanoke Rapids, 35 miles of track, owned by Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.
- Red Springs to Parkton section, 13 miles of track, owned by Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.

"These two railroads basically have a monopoly in these areas, and should they decide to abandon these rail branch lines, chances are remote anyone will purchase them and continue service," Graham said.

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WASHINGTON SCENE

Program Set To Deal With Nuclear Wastes

"Something has got to be done about this," North Carolina Congressman James Broyhill said in December of last year. "Anybody who stays around here very long knows this is a severe problem we are facing."

The "problem" Broyhill was talking about concerns the waste material that is growing steadily at the nation's nuclear generating plants, where room to store the spent nuclear fuel assemblies is getting scarce.

The average nuclear plant has to take out about one-third of its fuel each year, and room to store this waste—much of it in the form of rods that are 14-feet long and weigh 600 pounds—is fast disappearing.

So Broyhill, a Republican from Lenoir, led a fight to make Congress face up to an issue that it has been ducking for the past several years. As a result, there now is a program which will provide storage sites for this material—sites removed from the vicinity of the nuclear plants themselves.

Waste, and not only nuclear waste, has become a major problem in the United States.

The Environmental Protection Agency says that each year U.S. industry produces 400 pounds of hazardous waste for every man, woman and child in the country.

North Carolina has had some experience with this in the form of PCB material, which was dumped along its highways a few years ago—and the state is not immune from future problems.

North Carolina has a particular problem in the nuclear waste situation. The three major utilities which serve the state—Carolina Power and Light Co., Duke Power Co. and Virginia Electric Power Co.—all were pioneers in the use of nuclear power and all are running out of storage space.

A key spokesman for the private power companies supported Broyhill's position that there is a real dilemma.

Sherwood Smith of Raleigh, president and chairman of Carolina Power and Light, said that nuclear waste has become a major problem for CP&L and could cause some plants to shut down later in this decade unless some sort of relief, in the form of storage space, becomes available.

"You cannot continue to operate the plants; you have to shut the plants down," said Smith, who is chairman of the American Nuclear Energy Council, the chief lobby for the power industry.

Finally, last Dec. 20, Congress was able to agree on a bill that was accepted by both the Senate and the House and which was sent to the president, who later approved it.

The measure sets a timetable for establishing a permanent underground storage facility for high-level nuclear waste by the mid-1990s, and provides for temporary federal storage of nuclear waste in the meantime.

The bill, as approved, also calls for developing plans to construct man-made "monitored, retrievable storage" (MRS) sites, where wastes could be stored for years and then removed for permanent disposal or even for reprocessing.

Supported by the nuclear power industry, which has been pushing for such a plan for years, the bill was opposed by members of Congress who are afraid their states may end up with storage sites within their borders. And, environmental groups opposed it.

States do have some protection under the bill. A state can veto a proposal to place a storage site within its borders and the veto will stick unless it is overridden by both the House and the Senate.

There was sharp debate over whether the state veto could be blocked by only one house, or whether it would require the approval of both houses, as the nuclear energy group preferred. As passed, the bill gives a state a better chance of keeping one of the sites out of its territory.

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Here are some concrete provisions of the bill:

Permanent Storage: Requires the secretary of energy to study five locations for potential sites for permanent underground repository for nuclear waste, and to recommend three possible sites to the president by Jan. 1, 1985. These sites would be studied further.

Requires that another five sites be studied and three of them recommended to the president by July 1, 1989, as locations for a second facility.

Requires public hearings in the vicinity of each site selected and an environmental "assessment" of each.

Requires that no site shall be located in a high population area nor adjacent to an area that contains 1,000 persons in one square mile.

Interim Storage: Authorizes the Department of Energy to establish a site to store up to 1,900 metric tons of spent fuel from civilian nuclear plants. This would be available to companies who have run out of storage space at their own reactor sites.

Requires that spent fuel be removed from these temporary facilities within three years after a permanent storage place is in operation.

Provides that the cost of this storage be provided through fees from utilities using the storage. (Critics pointed out that these fees will likely be added to the bills of utility customers.)

Other Provisions: Requires the Energy Department to consult with states if they may be affected by the site location, and allows a state veto that would be effective unless overridden by both houses of Congress.

Exempts wastes from military installations and requires the government to pay their share if they use the civilian storage spaces.

Authorizes impact payments to states to offset any costs to them that may accrue from locating plants within their borders.

Establishes an office of civilian radioactive management in the DOE to implement the act.

That, in short, is the federal plan for solving a very real problem.

North Carolina is thought to be a very unlikely state for one of these future nuclear storage sites, given its relatively dense population. Western states, with their vast areas of unpopulated areas are considered more likely places to store the dangerous material.

However, some Southern states fear they will be included. It was at the insistence of Rep. Trent Lott of Mississippi that the prohibition was established against placing a site near an area that contains 1,000 persons in a one-square mile area. This may prohibit placing a facility at a potential site in his district.

Meanwhile, a site near Barnwell, S.C., is also considered a possible location for a temporary storage site.

How well the Department of Energy fulfills its responsibilities remains to be seen. After all, this was one of two departments (the other was the Department of Education) that was marked for extinction when this administration took office.

Since the person who heads the nuclear waste effort will be a presidential appointee, after he is named, the program will no doubt start functioning.

In the meantime, 61 workers who have been working on the policy planning staff of the agency have now been assigned to work on the problem.

Toxic Wastes: Legacies of America's Chemical Society

Congress acted last December to set machinery in motion for coping with the nation's nuclear wastes, but that positive step has been thoroughly overshadowed since then by problems arising from the enforcement of regulations on another kind of waste: toxic waste.

These legacies of America's chemical society have been stored, in many instances carelessly, in thousands of dump sites about the nation. This has been building up during the last 40 years and will not be solved in the immediate future.

What happened was this. In the early 1970s, the environmental movement in the country got started in earnest as people became aware that their efforts to improve our lives with chemicals were creating some harmful effects on the planet.

Attention, during those early days, was focused on discharges from plants and materials into the air and water. Smokestacks were fitted out with expensive gadgets to clean pollutants from their discharges. Steps were taken to clean up the waste water that came from industry.

What was overlooked was what was becoming of these toxic materials that were taken, at great expense, from the air and the water. What actually happened was that these threats came back into the environment through the dumping of these wastes into thousands of dumps.

Congress acted in 1976 with a law regulating the disposal of wastes. But that didn't help with the waste sites that were already there. They remained, and as long as they remained undisturbed, they posed a potential threat to the nation's health.

So, in 1980 Congress enacted what was called "Superfund" legislation. This created a fund of $1.6 billion to help clean up the waste sites—some say as many as 17,000—that are still there. The 1980 law also imposed liabilities on any company that had disposed of waste at any of these sites.

Although the problem is very real, public interest in this issue has been intensified by a battle between Congress and the Reagan administration on whether the Environmental Protection Agency, which is directed to get these sites cleaned up, is doing its job.

There is no doubt that the sites constitute a real manace to health.

In New York, a hazardous situation was found in the Love Canal near Buffalo. Neighborhood homes had been built on land used by Hooker Chemical, as a dump site over thirty years ago. Residents complained of health problems, and found pollutants bubbling up in their yards and basements.

Public outcry pressured the government to investigate. The area proved to be dangerously toxic, resulting in resettlement, government buying up property and eventually initiating a clean-up program.

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More recently, a small town in Missouri was found to be contaminated with dioxin, a toxic agent that is harmful to humans.

The situation had become so hopeless that the federal government, using Superfund money, is buying out the town for $33 million and families are leaving the area.

Democrats in Congress, no doubt sensing an issue which could embarass the administration, siezed on these developments and started investigating the way Reagan appointees at EPA were doing their jobs. No less than six congressional committees joined in the chase and launched probes of their own.

There were some firings at EPA, including that of Rita Lavelle, who has been in charge of administering the Superfund and the clean-up of toxic dumps.

Reporters in Washington, digging into the agency's record, found that only five sites have been cleaned up during the past two years out of the 400 that are called "principal dump" areas.

EPA has the authority to take companies to court to force them to clean up the waste they have dumped, but this is a slow process. A suit brought in 1979 against the company over the Love Canal contamination, for instance, has never been settled.

In the meantime, heavy rains which have occasionally hit these sites have caused the toxic material to be washed out and into the drinking water of homes nearby.

Experts agree that there will be no quick solution—no "quick fix" to this problem. Waste in these dump sites is getting into the ground water around them and it is going to take time—lots of time—to clean it up.

Democrats, who control the House of Representatives and its committees, believe they have an issue, because they think that the people who run EPA are more interested in protecting industry than they are in looking after interests of the public.

This is a political drama which will likely be going on in Washington for months.

But after all of the smoke has cleared, it is evident that EPA has a monumental task before it. Faced with the threats to water and air, to fish and wildlife, to drinking water and to the health of its citizens, the government, with EPA as its enforcement agent, must go about the task of eliminating a problem that has been 40 years in the making.

There will have to be a commitment on the part of the public to clean up these waste sites, but, as one expert has pointed out, we must all realize this will be a slow and tedious process.

Congress has acted to deal with the storage of nuclear waste. The problem now will be where to store it, given the attitude of every state to put it somewhere but to put it somewhere else—not in that state.

The nuclear waste problem can be dealt with in an orderly manner and no doubt will be, after the Department of Energy and the president decide where the dumps shall be located.

The issue of toxic waste is far more complex.

For one thing, no one knows just how many of these dumps there are or where they are all located.

Now the issue has gotten into partisan politics and there will be more changes and denials.

Stay tuned.

Despite the resignation under pressure of Anne Burford, the EPA administrator, congressional committees did not stop their investigation of deals made by the agency which were allegedly favorable to industry and of conflict of interest charges.

This was developing into the best political circus Washington had seen since Watergate—and showed little sign of easing off.

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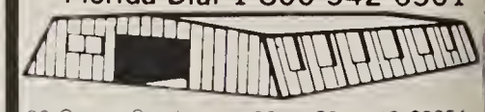

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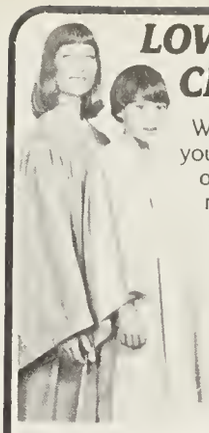

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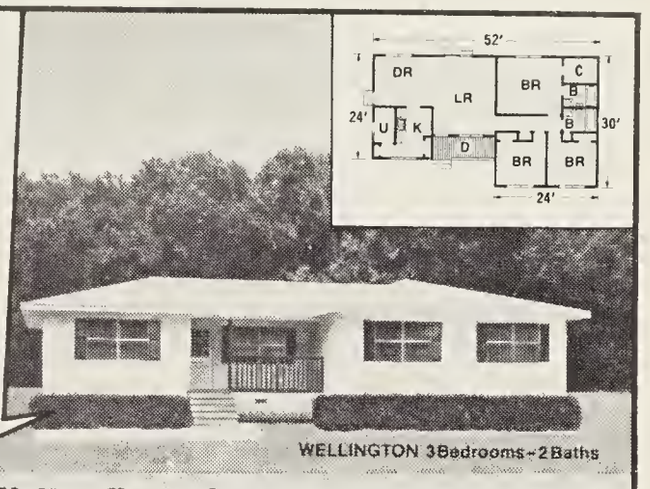

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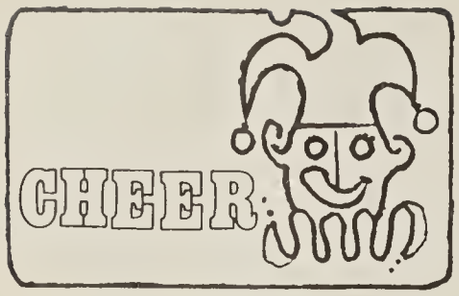

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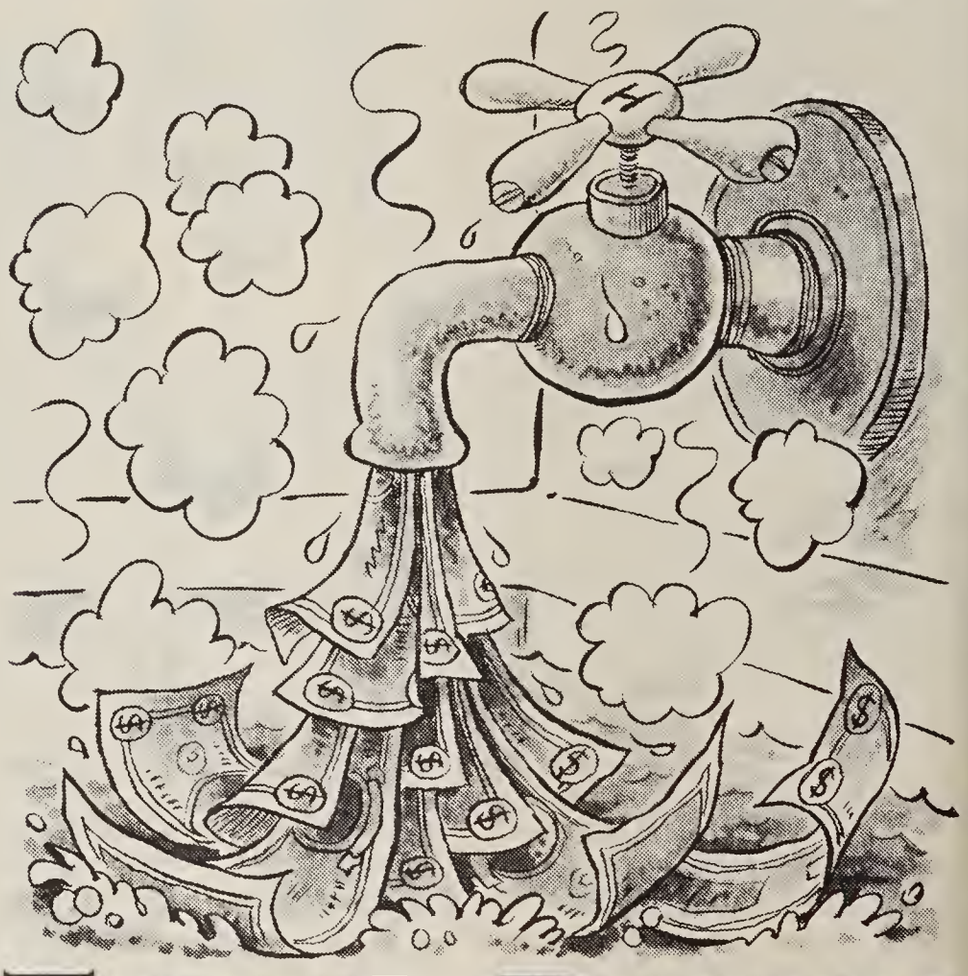

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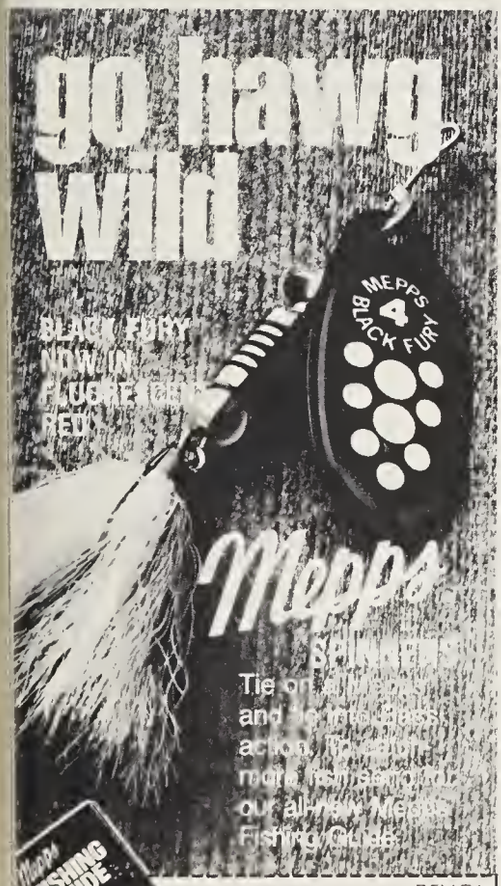

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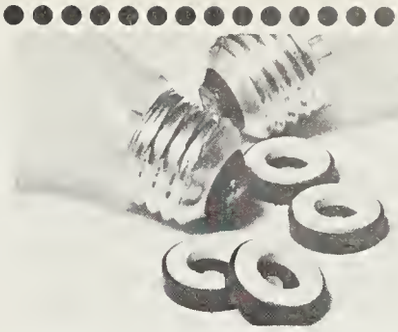

Just think, no need to buy bulbs, or climb on wobbly chairs or ladders. A new scientific development called **The Button** extends bulb life.

The Button is a solid-state micro chip diode. It converts AC current to DC current and extends the life of a bulb filament 60 to 100 times!

For example, a regular bulb rated for 750 hours would last about 32 days if burned continuously. With **The Button,** bulb life could be extended up to 75,000 hours or 8 years. Less often used bulbs could last a lifetime!

This amazing development works with any regular incandescent light bulb (not 3-way type). There is even a model for candelabra size bulbs. Just stick a Button to the bottom of a bulb and screw into socket.

The results are amazing. Bulbs burn cooler, and give a softer less glaring light. Of course, the lumen output is reduced so you may prefer to use a larger bulb. The bulb's life will still be increased 60 to 100 times — just think of the money saved!

The Button is absolutely ideal for lights that run 24 hours a day like exit signs and security lights. Major hotels, restaurants and corporations already use **The Button.** Resorts International Casino Hotel (Atlantic City), Butler Shoe Corporation, Sundance Hotel/Casino (Las Vegas) are just a few that save on bulbs and labor with **The Button.**

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Waiting: Thief Of Precious Time

Do you get antsy waiting at stop lights? Do you fester and boil inside as you stand in long supermarket checkout lines?

Are you convinced that these little annoyances are part of a conspiracy to rob you of precious time?

Some recent research confirms that they are robbing you of a healthy chunk of time, whether it's part of a conspiracy or not.

The studies, as reported by *Advertising Age*, show that the typical American spends 40 minutes a day waiting—at stop lights, in lines, at filling stations and in restaurants.

This amounts to 243 hours a year or about 18,250 hours over a 75-year period. That's more than two years of waiting in an average lifetime!

Balance of Payments?

Another item that recently came across my desk also offered a comment on the typical American—and the international flavor of his life in these times:

"The typical American is one who drinks German beer from a Swedish glass while sitting on Danish furniture after having come home from an Italian movie in his Japanese car.

"Then he puts on his English smoking jacket, lights up a Brazilian cigar, takes off his Swiss watch, hangs up his Panama hat, mixes a drink of his Canadian whiskey, and picks up a ball point pen from Taiwan—to write his congressman a letter complaining about all the money that's leaving the country."

Ancient Roman Tax Scam: A Grave Affair

Since it's tax time again across our land, you might be interested in this bit of minutia about a tax-avoidance scheme that was conceived by a noted celebrity—in ancient Rome.

Suetonius Tranquillus reported in his *Life of Augustus* that the great Roman poet Virgil once held a funeral for a dead fly, complete with pallbearers and lengthy eulogies.

Cemetery land, you see, was not taxable. By interring a fly on the land surrounding his private villa, the wily poet turned his home into a burial ground and thus made it tax-exempt.

It's Just A Matter of Time

It's also time once again for the great semi-annual changing-of-the-clocks that always throws my internal timepiece for a loop.

Whether we're "springing forward" to bring in Daylight Savings Time or "falling back" to get rid of it, I go around in a sort of daze for about a week afterwards. The body just refuses to cooperate with this manipulation of the clock.

I can't help wondering how well the switch would have been accepted by a certain Englishman I've read about who refused to cooperate with some sort of change in the clocks back in 1922.

Arthur Arch simply went his own way: for 42 years, he was always precisely 20 minutes late for every meeting or appointment. As you might imagine, this caused him no small amount of inconvenience.

"It's all very simple," he said. "In 1922 the clocks were changed 20 minutes and I never accepted it. Nobody was going to take 20 minutes off my life. I have just always kept my watch at the old time—20 minutes late."

He vowed never to change his timetable to be in step with the world, adding: "I am going to die 20 minutes late to show them I was right!"

Somebody's Been Reading My Mail

Here are some choice quotes from a type sample poster produced by Virginia Paper Company titled "Murphy's Laws and Other Truths":

It is impossible to make anything foolproof because fools are so ingenious.

Friends come and go, but enemies accumulate.

All warranties expire upon payment of invoice.

You will remember that you forgot to take out the garbage when the garbage truck is two doors away.

The light at the end of the tunnel is the headlamp of an oncoming train.

Never play leapfrog with a unicorn.

The chance of a piece of bread falling with the buttered side down is proportional to the cost of the carpet.

The other line always moves faster. (There's that conspiracy again!)

Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it.

The repairman will never have seen a model quite like yours before.

When a broken appliance is demonstrated for the repairman, it will work perfectly.

A penny saved is not worth very much.

Every job will take twice as long as you expect and will be half as lucrative.

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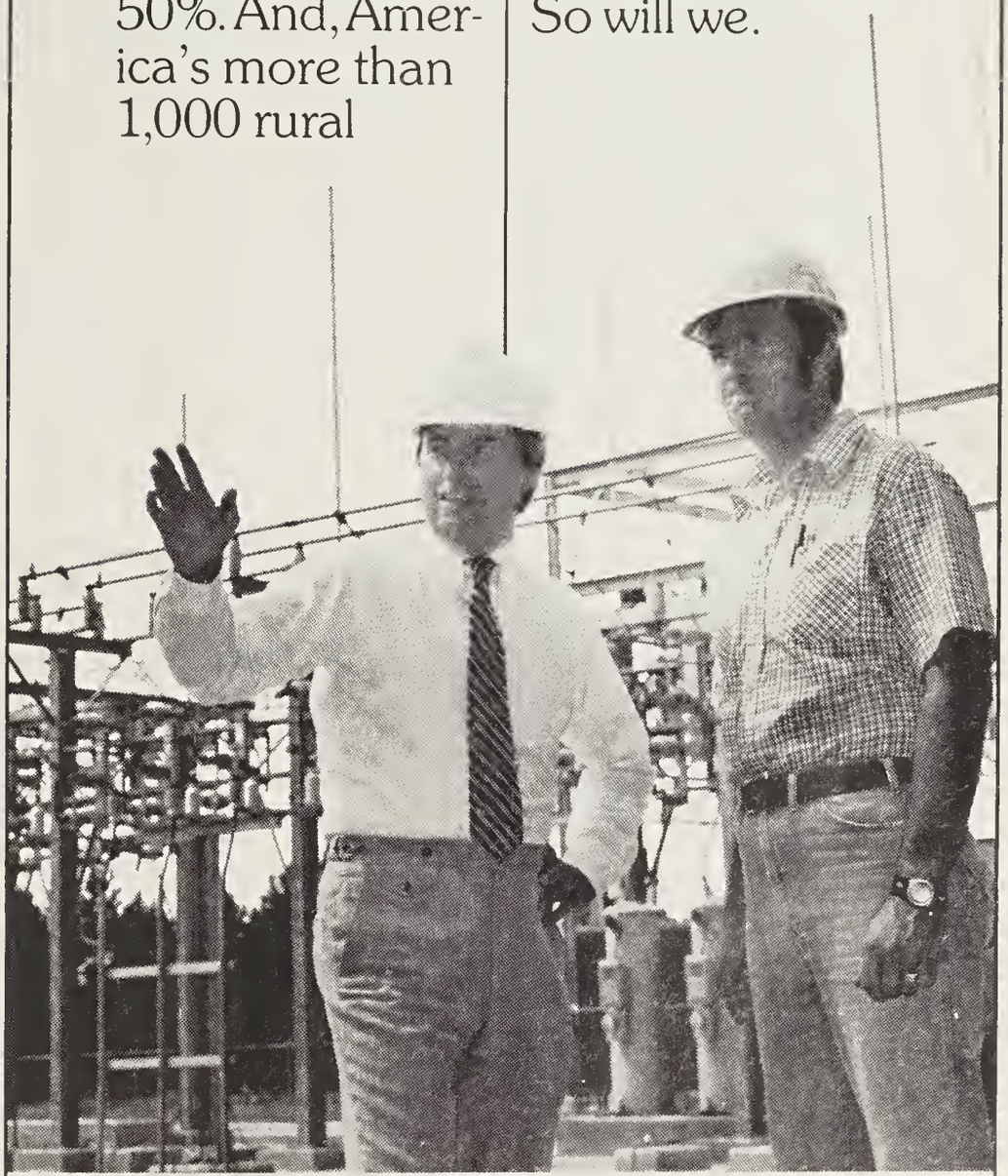

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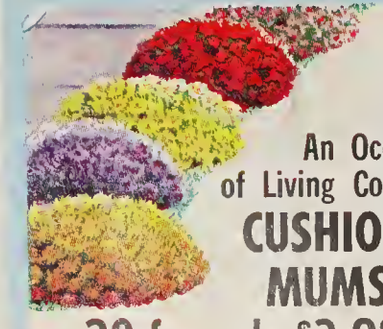

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